

Option:

For unexpected incidents, particularly those of an emergency nature, temporary traffic control devices on hand may be used for the initial response as long as they do not themselves create unnecessary additional hazards.

Standard:

If the incident is anticipated to last more than 3 days, applicable procedures and devices set forth in this manual shall be used.

Support:

A short-term road closure can be caused by an incident such as a road user crash that blocks the traveled way. Road users are usually detoured around the incident and back to the original roadway. A combination of traffic engineering and enforcement preparations is needed to determine the detour route and install the necessary devices. Large trucks are a significant concern in such a detour.

During incidents, large trucks might need to follow a route separate from that of automobiles because of bridge, weight, clearance, or geometric restrictions. Also, vehicles carrying hazardous cargo might need to follow a different route from other vehicles.

Some incidents such as hazardous spills might require closure of an entire highway. Through road users must have adequate guidance around the incident.

Maintaining good public relations is desirable. The cooperation of the news media in publicizing the existence of and reasons for incident areas and their temporary traffic control can be of great assistance in keeping road users and the general public well informed.

Guidance:

The channelizing devices discussed in [Section 6F.55](#) should be used whenever possible.

When flares are used to initiate temporary traffic control at incidents or for short-term temporary traffic control, they should be replaced by more permanent devices as soon as practical. Both the flare and its supporting device should be removed from the roadway.

Section 6G.20 Work During Inclement Weather

Support:

Inclement weather (rain, snow, fog, etc.) creates the following conditions for road users:

Lack of visibility to the road and temporary traffic control devices; Greater distance required to slow and stop a motor vehicle; An increase in the difficulty of controlling a motor vehicle; and An increase in distraction and anxiety for road users while traveling on the roadway

Guidance:

Therefore, planned work activities should be avoided, if possible, during inclement weather conditions.